Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans for doubling of Mathura Kasganj, Kanpur Railway Division under North Eastern Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to lay new railway line in unserviced areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) to (d) Feasibility study for doubling of Mathura-Kasganj-Kanpur (352 Km) section has been completed. However due to low traffic projection, the project could not be taken forward. However, since FY 2020-21, 42 Surveys (New Line and Doubling) of a total length of 2,667 km falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been sanctioned and completed. Zone-wise details of all Railway Surveys including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website, i.e., www.indianrailways.gov.in> Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance (Budget) >Budget Document (Financial Year)/Railway wise break up of the Detailed Demands for Grants Financial Year (Part II) Demand No. 85.

Proposals are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives and Railway's own requirements. Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc, depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

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